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1. After the Chinese Communist occupation of Mukden the following groups were subjected to indoctrination:
 - a. Government civil service officials with the rank of section chief and above were sent to Antung (124-23, 40-09) for 16 months of training.
 - b. Military officers of the rank of major general and above were sent to Harbin for two years of training.
 - c. Military officers of the ranks from major through colonel were sent to Fousin (121-39, 42-03) to receive training for one year.
 - d. Educated persons from the families of landlords and wealthy farmers were confined to their respective neighborhoods and given a three-month training course.
 - e. Technical personnel were given Chinese Communist Party (CCP) propaganda material designed to correct any disrespect for CCP policy, in an attempt to induce them to work willingly on reconstruction for the CCP. Technical personnel were also given special food rations and living quarters.
2. Living conditions for the average person were very poor in January 1949; the incomes of most people were insufficient. The living standards of the CCP officials were also low. Officials were not paid in cash but in kaoliang, on the basis of a point-system. Each point or unit of salary was equal to one and three-eighths catties of rice (probably kaoliang). Ordinary officials received 50 or 60 units per month. Because of the low salaries, some CCP officials were taking "squeeze."
3. On 22 January 1949 one tael of gold was worth approximately Northeast currency (NEC) \$8,500,000*. Kaoliang was NEC \$2,700 a catty*, rice NEC \$3,800 a catty, and pork about NEC \$16,000 per catty. Prices were continually fluctuating: on 15 January 1949 one tael of gold was equal to about NEC \$6,000,000.

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